

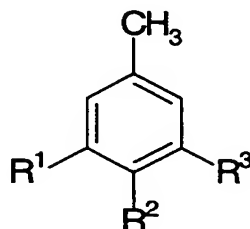
## Preparation of toluene derivatives

## Abstract

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A process for preparing toluene derivatives of the formula I,

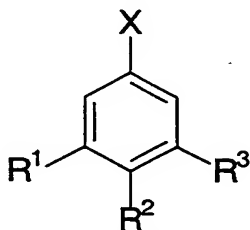
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15 where R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, hydroxyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, by hydrogenating benzaldehydes and/or benzyl alcohols of the formula II,

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IIa: X= CHO

X= CH[OC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl]<sub>2</sub>IIb: X= CH<sub>2</sub>-OHX = CH<sub>2</sub>OC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl

25 with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst, which is described in more detail in the description.

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